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hidden reparations in the form of exports are still being delivered to the USSR from the German economy. This is effected through the device of fixed prices for goods purchased by the USSR. With some exceptions, prices paid for goods imported by the Soviet Union are sold below the cost of production. The difference is made up from the national budget. Since export orders for the USSR have a high priority, goods obtained at ridiculously low prices continue to roll eastward in great volume.

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